

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, first paragraph as follows:

The present application is a continuation of a parent application filed 6/19/2001 under serial number 09/885,665 which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of parent applications entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OCCLUSION CULLING IN GRAPHICS SYSTEMS" filed 7/22/1998 under serial number 09/121,317, and "SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR Z-VALUE AND STENCIL CULLING PRIOR TO RENDERING IN A COMPUTER GRAPHICS PROCESSING PIPELINE" filed 5/31/2000 under serial number 09/585,810, and claims the priority date of a provisional application entitled "MODIFIED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED OCCLUSION CULLING IN GRAPHICS SYSTEMS" filed 5/24/01 under serial number 60/293,250.